
Becoming a School Council member:

School Council members accept and value their commitment to:

- be responsive to the requirements of the school community
- engage the school and wider community in developing and effecting school priorities, policies and decisions
- seek to achieve excellence in educational outcomes for all students at the school
- listen and respond to issues and concerns regarding strategy and policy.

If you feel you can contribute to the continued strategic development of Belmont State School as a community of inspired, innovative and involved learners, elections for School Council are held in late Term 1/early Term 2 of each year.

You can contact the school and/or Principal to request a School Council nomination form.

“Being a member of the Belmont State School Council has enabled me to develop a very good appreciation for the strategy and passion that goes into providing the highest level of learning and opportunities for our kids.”

How to contact your School Council:

If you have any questions or ideas about the Belmont State School Council, please do not hesitate to make contact with one of our School Council members via the email addresses provided.

The Belmont State School Council reviews the School’s Strategic Plan with a focus on developing the whole child to maximize student potential



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Belmont State School Council

The Belmont State School Council is a vital means of engaging with and being held to account by parents, school staff and the community.



About the Belmont State School Council:

In 2013, Belmont State School became an Independent Public School (IPS), meaning the school has greater autonomy in decision making and increased capacity to work in new ways to maximise learning outcomes.

Independent Public Schools:

- are empowered to shape their own strategic direction and make decisions that will directly benefit their students;
- have an enhanced capacity to work directly with local businesses, industry and community organisations; and
- have greater flexibility to tailor the curriculum to directly suit the needs of their students.

An Independent Public School is required to have a School Council. The inaugural Belmont State School Council was established in 2013.

The School Council is comprised of four elected Parent representatives, four elected Staff representatives, the P&C President and the Principal. The School Council can also appoint up to two additional members.

What the Belmont State School Council does:

The role of the School Council is to guide the broad strategic direction of the school through:

- monitoring the school's strategic direction;
- approving plans and policies of the school of a strategic nature and other documents affecting strategic matters, including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school;
- monitoring the implementation of the plans, policies and other documents mentioned above; and
- advising the school's principal about strategic matters.

In the last 5 years, the Belmont State School Council has worked to develop and implement strategic and operational plans. A key piece of work has been with our school's "**2020 Vision**", the schools' strategic plan for 2016-2019.

"Being on the School Council is a rewarding experience. Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. We work cooperatively to improve outcomes for all students and to shape the school's future."

Current Belmont State School Council members:

Principal: Anthony Palmer
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